Homegoing Celebration

In Loving Memory of

The Reverend Louie Belvet George, Sr.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
II Timothy 4:7

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Tuesday, February 13, 2007

11:00 am

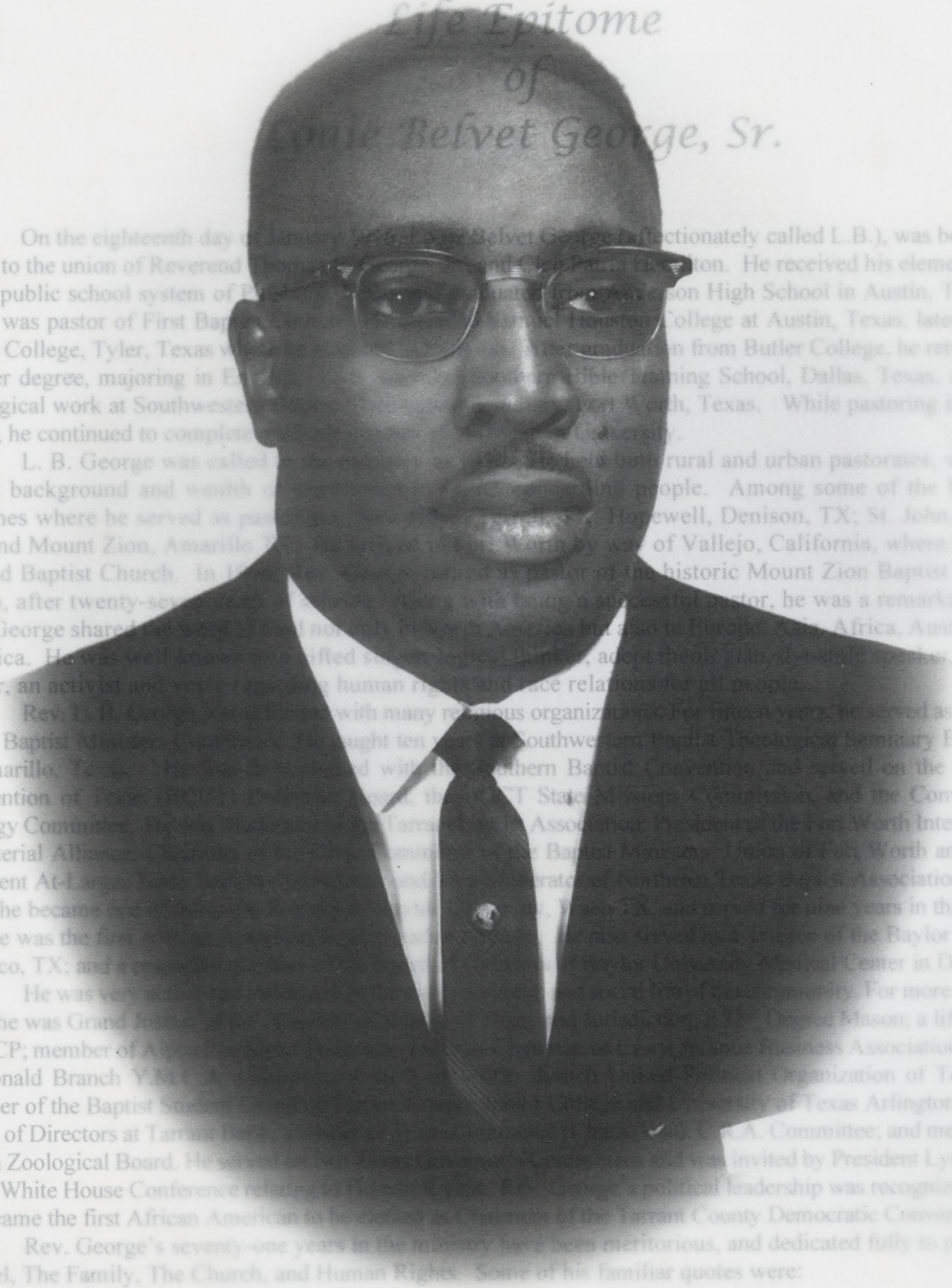
MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

1101 Evans Avenue

Fort Worth, Texas

Dr. Albert Chew, Jr. *Officiating*

Dr. Cedric Deon Britt, *Eulogist*



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Life Epitome of Louie Belvet George, Sr.

On the eighteenth day of January 1916, Louie Belvet George (affectionately called L.B.), was born in Pittsburg, Texas to the union of Reverend Thomas E. George, Jr., and Cleo Patria Hamilton. He received his elementary education in the public school system of Pittsburg, Texas and graduated from Anderson High School in Austin, Texas, where his father was pastor of First Baptist Church. He attended Samuel Houston College at Austin, Texas, later transferring to Butler College, Tyler, Texas where he majored in Religion. After graduation from Butler College, he returned to receive another degree, majoring in English. L. B. attended Southern Bible Training School, Dallas, Texas, and pursued his theological work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. While pastoring in Wichita Falls, Texas, he continued to complete graduate courses at Midwestern University.

L. B. George was called to the ministry in 1936. He held both rural and urban pastorates, which gave him a vast background and wealth of experience in issues concerning people. Among some of the historic Baptist churches where he served as pastor are: New Hope, Terrell, TX; Hopewell, Denison, TX; St. John, Wichita Falls, TX; and Mount Zion, Amarillo TX. He arrived in Fort Worth by way of Vallejo, California, where he pastored the Second Baptist Church. In 1996, Rev. George retired as pastor of the historic Mount Zion Baptist Church in Fort Worth, after twenty-seven years of service. Along with being a successful pastor, he was a remarkable evangelist. Rev. George shared the word of God not only in North America but also in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and South America. He was well-known as a gifted singer, logical thinker, adept theologian, dynamic speaker, a man of great humor, an activist and voice regarding human rights and race relations for all people.

Rev. L. B. George was affiliated with many religious organizations. For fifteen years, he served as President of the Texas Baptist Ministers Conference. He taught ten years at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Extension Center in Amarillo, Texas. He was duly aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention and served on the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) Executive Board, the BGCT State Missions Commission, and the Convention's Urban Strategy Committee. He was Moderator of the Tarrant Baptist Association; President of the Fort Worth Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; Chairman of the Civic Committee of the Baptist Ministers' Union of Fort Worth and vicinity; Vice President At-Large, Texas Baptist Convention; and Vice Moderator of Northeast Texas Baptist Association. In November 1992, he became one of thirty-six Regents of Baylor University, Waco TX, and served for nine years in this capacity. Rev. George was the first African American to hold such a position. He also served as a Trustee of the Baylor Truitt Seminary in Waco, TX; and a respected member of the Board of Directors of Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, TX.

He was very active and influential in the civic, political, and social life of the community. For more than thirty-eight years he was Grand Joshua of the Heroines of Jericho of Texas and Jurisdiction; a 33rd Degree Mason; a life member of the NAACP; member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Co-Chairman of Evans Avenue Business Association; member of the McDonald Branch Y.M.C.A; Chairman of the Fort Worth Branch United Political Organization of Texas; committee member of the Baptist Student Union of Tarrant County Junior College and University of Texas Arlington; member of the Board of Directors at Tarrant Bank; member of Texas Commerce (Chase) Bank C.R.A. Committee; and member of the Fort Worth Zoological Board. He served on two Texas Governor's Committees and was invited by President Lyndon B. Johnson to the White House Conference relating to Human Rights. Rev. George's political leadership was recognized in 1985 when he became the first African American to be elected as Chairman of the Tarrant County Democratic Convention.

Rev. George's seventy-one years in the ministry have been meritorious, and dedicated fully to proclaiming The Gospel, The Family, The Church, and Human Rights. Some of his familiar quotes were:

"A Leader with a vision from God will find a way to accomplish God's purpose." – Wayne McDill

"Find out what God would have you do, and do that little WELL; for what is great and what is small, 'Tis only He can tell."

He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted wife of 66 years, Juanita Delorise; son, Louie B. George, Jr. (LaVonnah) of Texarkana, TX; daughters, Martha Nance (Robert) of Mt. Pleasant, TX; Herese Cook of Dallas, TX; Ethel Bush of Houston, TX; Patsy Campbell (Abraham) of Desoto, TX; and Emma Jean Clark (James) of Richmond, CA; sixteen grandchildren; thirty-seven great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives, friends and members of the Mt. Zion Church Family.

My husband
was a man of character
who understood commitment
and did more than his share
to make his family comfortable,
safe, and secure.
I adored him.

My partner
was a man who was patient,
optimistic, caring, and wise.
His sense of humor and support
held me up when I could not
do it myself.
I'm grateful for him.

My friend
was the only man
with whom I could share
my deepest secrets
and know they'll be safe.
Time with him was always good.
I cherished him.

You were all of those things
and more to me.
I'm so thankful you came into my world, for if you
hadn't , I'm sure I never would have known the
kind of happiness you've brought into my life.
I love you.
Juanita

A Lifetime of Sharing and Caring

It took your love to make a house a home,
A place to be remembered, no matter where we roamed.

It took your patience to bring us children up right,
And your courage and cheerfulness to make our dark days bright.

It took your thoughtfulness to mend our hearts deep hurt,
And your skill and endurance to teach us the meaning of self worth.

It took your kindness to forgive us when we err,
To sympathize in trouble and bow your head in prayer.

It took your wisdom to recognize our needs,
And to give us reassurance by your loving words and deeds.

It took your endless faith, your confidence and trust,
To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and lust.

And that is why in all this world, there could not be to us any other,
Who could fulfill God's purpose completely by being our Father!

The years you've shared and the happiness we've known,
Brought a special touch of gladness that was our very own.

And may the coming years be our very best,
Filled with all the things in life that made you proud and happiest.

WE LOVE YOU DADDY,

Louie, Martha, Herese, Ethel, Patsy, and Jean

A Celebration of the Life and Legacy
of
REVEREND L. B. GEORGE, SR.

REQUIEM PRELUDE.....Bro. Finis Smith & Sis. Deborah Cohen

FUNERAL CORTEGE.....Ministers, Bearers and Family

VALEDICTORY VIEWING

COGNITORY HYMN..... "What A Friend We Have In Jesus".....Congregation

SCRIPTURAL CONSOLATION:

Old Testament .....*Rev. O. G. Hill, First Pilgrim Valley M.B.C, Fort Worth*

New Testament .....*Rev. E. D. Ingram, First Mount Zion B.C., Cleburne*

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER.....*Rev. J. H. Strong, Jr., New Jerusalem Inst. B.C., Dallas*

CONSOLATORY HYMN..... "Precious Lord Take My Hand".....Mass Choir

THE CHURCH RESOLUTION.....Mt. Zion Baptist Church

RESOLUTION.....Texas Masonic Lodge Jurisdiction.....*Bro. Leroy Baldwin*

(Please give other resolutions to the ushers)

Solo.....*Sis. LaTona Royal*

EULOGISTIC REMARKS
(Two minutes)

Rev. George as a Pastor: *Deacon S. Y. Tyson, Chairman, Mt. Zion Baptist Church*

The Galilee Griggs Memorial District Association of Baptist Churches . . . . .
Rev. Donald R. Parish, Moderator

Northeast Texas Association..... Rev. B. R. Hargest, Moderator

Texas State Missionary Baptist Convention ..... Rev. Larry Wade, 1st Vice President

Tarrant Baptist Association ..... Rev. Don Lewis, Former Director

Fort Worth Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance..... *Rev. C. A. Noell, President*

Musical Selection ..... Choir

EXPRESSIONS

Rev. George as a Civic Leader ..... *Rev. Nehemiah Davis, NAACP President*

Rev. George as a Business Man..... *Mr. Meto Miteff, Former Tarrant Bank President-Director*

L. B. As A Long Time Friend ..... *Rev. Sammy Davis, Fellowship Baptist Church, Dallas*

Solo..... *Bro. Finis Smith*

Family Tribute ..... *Rev. L. B. George, Jr., Oak Street B. C., Texarkana*
Dr. A. E. Campbell, Jr., Salem Inst. B. C., Dallas

Musical Selection

The Eulogy .....*Dr. Cedric D. Britt, Pastor*
Mount Gilead Missionary Baptist Church, Fort Worth

The Recessional..... *"When We All Get To Heaven"*

Christian Committal ..... *Cedar Hill Memorial Park*

Benedictory Prayer ..... *Dr. Cedric D. Britt*

We are but travelers here on earth
We are not here to stay
We're traveling to a land where God
Shall wipe all tears away.

Let us reach up and grasp His hand
He is the truth, the Way.
And He will lead our faltering steps
To life's eternal day.

Then as we enter Heaven's door,
All cares and burdens past.
We shall be travelers here no more,
We shall be home at last.

__Selected and quoted in ministry...by L. B. George.

The Hearts of So Many
Happy Memories

There's so much to love and to cherish
About such a GREAT granddad,

There's so much to love about family
and all of the good times we've had.

There's so much to love and remember
with pleasure and pride all year through,

There's so much to love about all the above...

There's so much to love about you!

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The love of a grandfather's heart is a love that's deep and true.
In everything you did, your gentle warmth came shining through...

Your love was understood, and you always seemed to know
The help to give and the words to say to the ones who needed you so...

Through years of work and patience, you have mastered your special art,
For the nearest thing to the love of God was the love of our grandfather's heart.

With Love,

All The Grands of the L. B. George Clan
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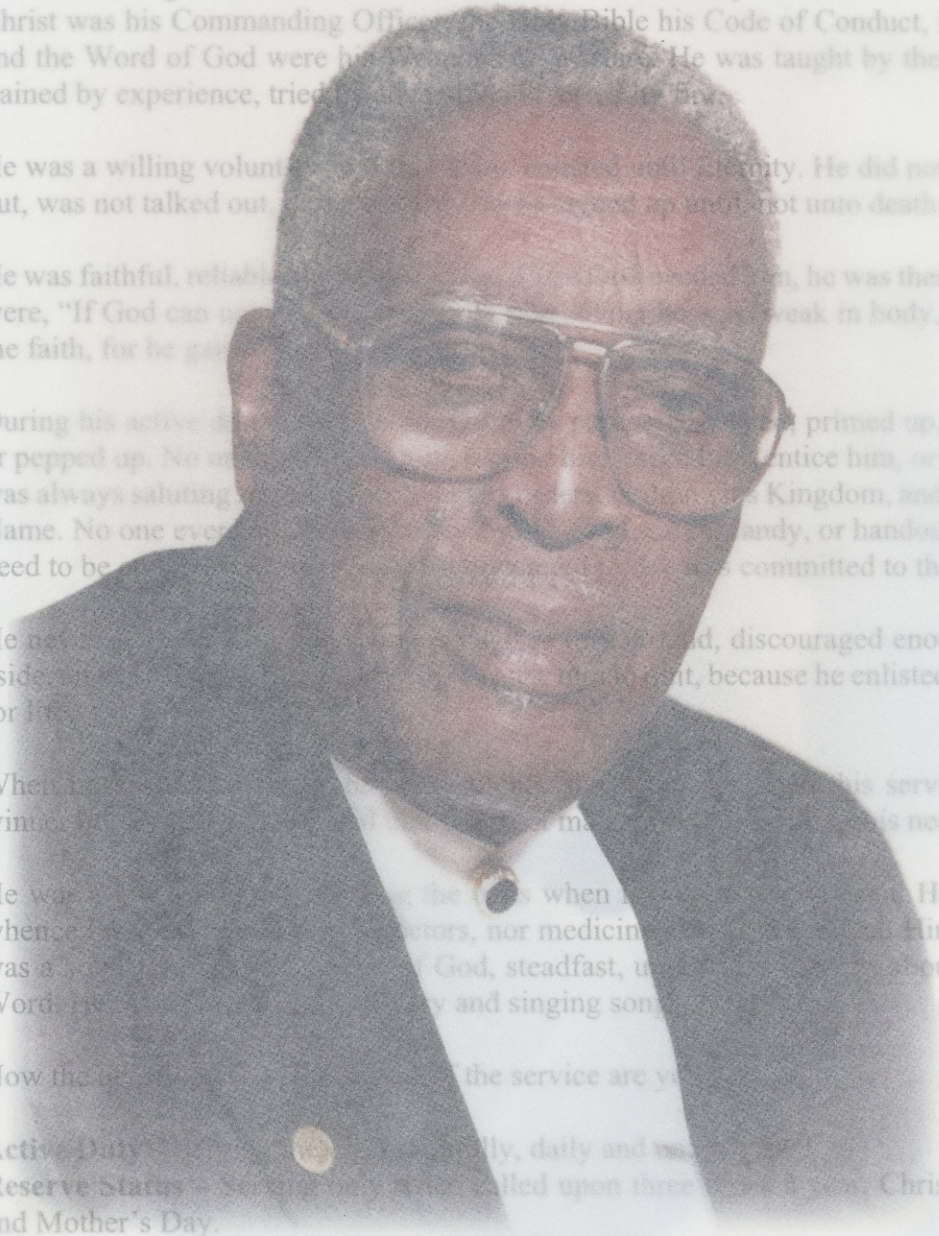
P.G.C.G.M.W.J

A Final Tribute to Daddy



Dr. L. B. George was a dedicated soldier enlisted in the army of the Lord. The Lord Jesus Christ was his Commanding Officer. The Bible his Code of Conduct. Faith, Prayer and the Word of God were his [illegible]. He was taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried [illegible]

He was a willing volunt[illegible]nity. He did not get out, sell out, was not talked out [illegible] not unto death.

He was faithful, reliable [illegible], he was there. His words were, "If God can [illegible] weak in body, but never in the faith, for he [illegible]

During his active d[illegible] primed up, pumped up, or pepped up. No [illegible]ntice him, or lure him. He was always saluting [illegible] Kingdom, and praising His Name. No one ever [illegible]andy, or handouts. He didn't need to be [illegible] committed to the Lord.

He ne[illegible]d, discouraged enough to be set aside [illegible]t, because he enlisted in this army for l[illegible]

When [illegible] his service he was a win[illegible] [illegible]s needs.

He wa[illegible] when [illegible]. He knew from where [illegible] nor medicin[illegible] himself. For he was a [illegible] God, steadfast, u[illegible]unding in the Word [illegible] and singing son[illegible]

Now the g[illegible] the service are y[illegible]

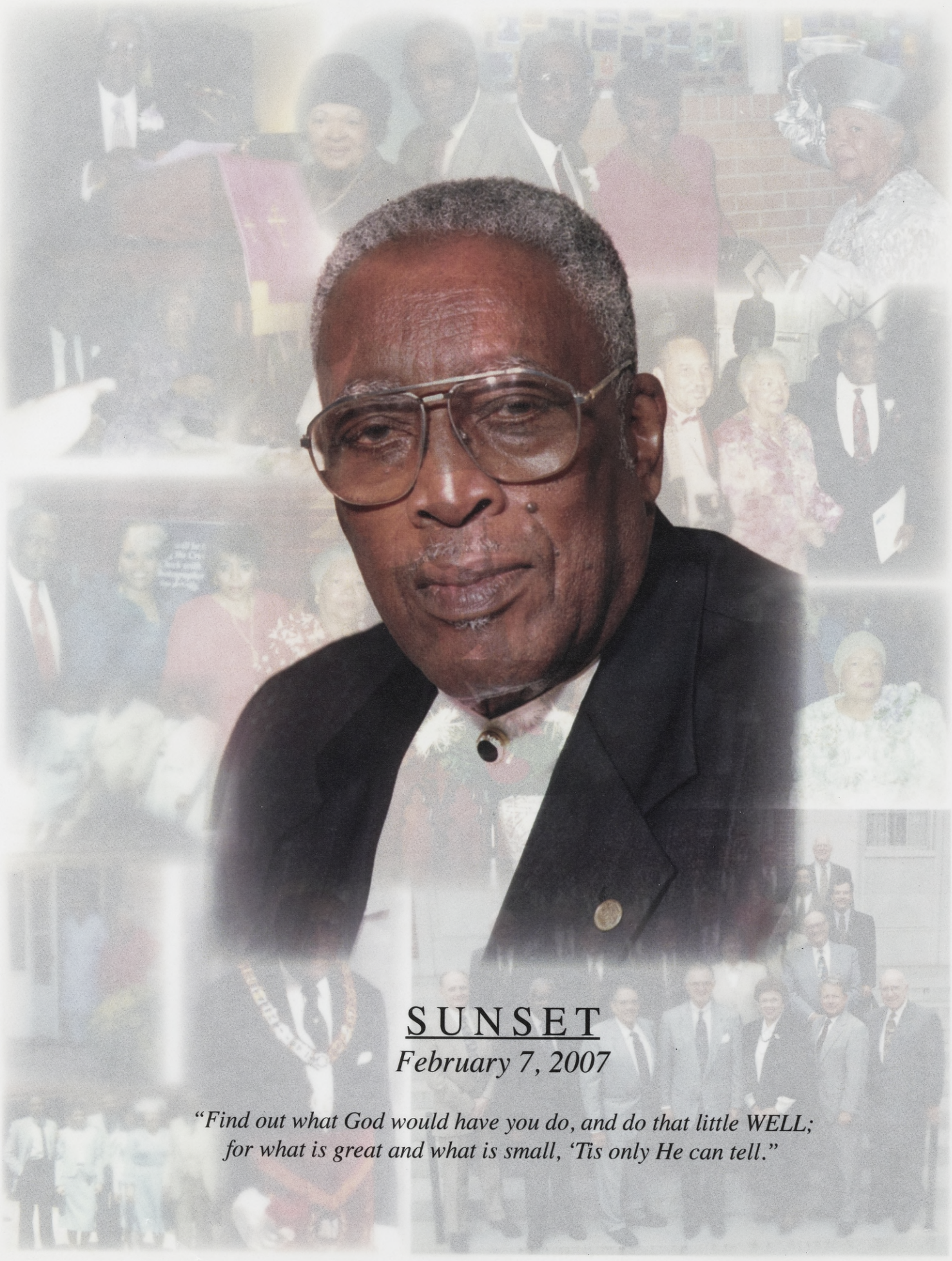
Active Duty – [illegible]ly, daily and [illegible]
Reserve Status – [illegible] called upon three [illegible], Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day.
Guard Status – Just backing up the active duty. Or
A.W.O.L – Absent With[illegible]

We admonish each of you [illegible] and to all our friends gathered here today to take heed to the example of devoted and dedicated service that has been set before us by Rev. Dr. Louie Belvet George, Sr. Let us enlist in the army of the Lord, and also become [illegible]

"Find out what God would have you do, and do that little WELL,
for what is great and what is small, 'Tis only He can tell."

Lovingly submitted,
The Children

SUNSET
February 7, 2007



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Dr. L. B. George was a dedicated soldier enlisted in the army of the Lord. The Lord Jesus Christ was his Commanding Officer, the Holy Bible his Code of Conduct, Faith, Prayer and the Word of God were his Weapons of Warfare. He was taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity and tested by fire.

He was a willing volunteer into this army, enlisted until Eternity. He did not get out, sell out, was not talked out, or pushed out, for he signed up until, not unto death.

He was faithful, reliable, and dependable. When God needed him, he was there. His words were, "If God can use me, I'm there!" A true soldier he was, weak in body, but never in the faith, for he gained strength from the Lord.

During his active duty, he never needed to be pampered, petted, primed up, pumped up, or pepped up. No one had to call him, remind him, write him, entice him, or lure him. He was always saluting his King, obeying His orders, building his Kingdom, and praising His Name. No one ever had to send flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy, or handouts. He didn't need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for or catered to. He was committed to the Lord.

He never got his feelings hurt bad enough to turn around, discouraged enough to be set aside, and never lost enough that would cause him to quit, because he enlisted in this army for life.

When he joined this army, he had nothing, and when he ended this service he was a winner because he yet believed that God, not man had supplied all of his needs.

He was a conqueror, overcoming the odds when man counted him out. He knew from whence his strength came, not doctors, nor medicine, but the Lord God Himself. For he was a soldier heeding the Word of God, steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the Word. He marched, claiming victory and singing songs of Zion.

Now the question is … Which part of the service are you?

Active Duty – Serving the Lord faithfully, daily and on duty 24/7.
Reserve Status – Serving only when called upon three times a year, Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day.
Guard Status – Just backing up the active duty. Or…
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Lovingly submitted,
The Children

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Perhaps you prayed a prayer
Or came to pay a call;

Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers
If so, we saw them all;

Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words
As any friend would say;

Perhaps you were not there at all
But just thought of us that day;

Perhaps you prepared some tasty dish
Or maybe furnished a car;

Perhaps you rendered a service
Near at hand or from afar;

Whatever you did to console the heart
By word or deed or touch;

Whatever was the kindly part
We thank you, Oh so very much!

The Family of the late
Reverend L. B. George, Sr.

The family would like to give special thanks to the Universal Hospice, Visiting Nurses Association, church members and many friends for their support, care and concern during his illness.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

(Grandsons)

Leonard George
Lamar George
Carl George
Edgar Cooke, Jr.
Abraham Campbell, III
Robert George Nance
Derrick Miller

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacons of Mt. Zion and Clergy

INTERMENT

Cedar Hill Memorial Park

While driving in the processional, turn on headlights for safety.

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